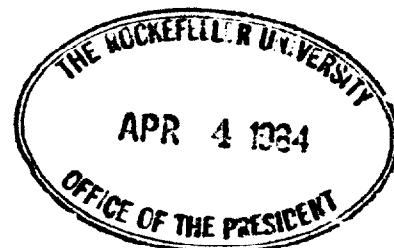


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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I just got off the phone with Dr. Nils Nilsson who I am delighted to say has joined our Scientific Advisory Board. I understand that Dr. Nilsson, as well as Bill Kaufman, will be meeting with you the early part of next week. I am hopeful that you too will be joining our Advisory Board.

I think you should know that our Microfiche collections in Artificial Intelligence are moving along spectacularly. As a matter of fact, the SDL division of Comtex is already in the black and we believe that the entire company will go into the black the quarter beginning April 1st. I should also tell you that we now have Information Handling Services with a 130-man sales force calling on industry selling the collections and John Wiley & Sons is handling all overseas sales.

I say all this because my guess is that you want to be associated with companies that not only provide worthwhile products and services but are also financially successful. It appears to me that Comtex has reached that point. And, needless to say, the stock options should be of some value within the next two years.

I will be delighted if I get a call from you early next week saying you accept.

Sincerely,


Herb Nagourney

P.S. Enclosed is our annual report as well as a press release describing our new relationship with UPI, who now has a 45% interest in Comtex.